

University of Prešov

Faculty of Arts

Doctoral studies

1. The doctoral study programme (hereinafter referred to as "doctoral studies") as a third degree study programme aims at acquiring knowledge based on the current state of scientific and artistic knowledge and, in particular, on the student's own contribution to it, which is the result of scientific research and independent creative activity in the field of science or independent theoretical and creative activity in the field of art. Graduates of the doctoral study programme receive a third-level university degree.

2. Doctoral studies within the study programmes are carried out on the basis of Section 54 of Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education and on Amendments and Supplements to Certain Acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and are governed by the Study Regulations of the University of Prešov in Prešov.

3. The standard length of study for the doctoral study programme in the full-time mode is **four years**, in the part-time mode **five years**. It is carried out in study programmes in which the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic has granted the right to the faculty to participate in the implementation of a doctoral study programme in the relevant field of study. These study programmes are:

- **Field of study: philosophy**
Study programme: systematic philosophy

- **Field of study: Historical Sciences**
Study programme: History

- **Field of study: Philology**
Study programme: Slovak language and literature

- **Field of study: Philology**
Study programme: Slavonic studies

- **Field of study: Philology**
Study programme: Translation and Interpreting

- **Field of study: Psychology**
Study programme: General Psychology

- **Field of study: Social work**
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- **Field of study: Political science**
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- **Field of study: Media and Communication Studies**

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- Field of study: Teacher Training and Education Science

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- English

- Field of study: philosophy

Study programme: Systematic Philosophy (in the part-time mode) - language of the programme – English

4. Before the start of the admission procedure for doctoral studies, the faculty announces the topics of dissertations that can be applied for in the admission procedure. The faculty shall publish in good time, no later than two months before the last day for the submission of applications for studies, the conditions for admission, the date and method of verification of their fulfilment, the form and framework content of the examination and the method of evaluation of its results. These facts shall be published on the university and faculty websites. A supervisor shall be appointed for each of the announced topics. The basic condition for admission to doctoral studies is completion of the second cycle study programme. Other conditions are the presentation of previous professional interest in the chosen field of study, publication activity, presentation of professional knowledge and knowledge of professional literature in the focus of the chosen field, presentation of a methodological approach to the potential topic of the dissertation and knowledge of one or two world languages (according to the requirements of the respective study programme).

5. Pursuant to Section 92(5) of the Act, full-time students of doctoral study programmes do not pay tuition fees.

6. The public higher education institution requires from applicants a fee for the material provision of the admission procedure in the amount of 50,- €.

7. The professional course of doctoral studies in the field or in the specialisation of the doctoral field is provided by teachers or researchers (hereinafter referred to as "supervisors") approved by the Faculty's Scientific Council, who provide guidance to the doctoral student.

8. Doctoral studies consist of a study part and a scientific part. The study plan is drawn up by the supervisor and submitted for approval to the departmental committee. The study part of the doctoral studies consists mainly of lectures, seminars and individual study of literature necessary in terms of the focus of the doctoral thesis. The scientific part of the doctoral studies consists of individual or team scientific work of the doctoral student, which is related to the topic of the doctoral thesis. The scientific part of the doctoral study is professionally supervised by the supervisor. Full-time doctoral studies shall include the performance of teaching activities or other professional activities related to teaching activities to the extent of a maximum of four hours per week on average per academic year in which the teaching takes place.

9. Conditions for fulfilling the characteristics of the study programme in the study and pedagogical-educational part:

Completion of the study part, which consists mainly of specialised doctoral lectures and seminars. The study part is completed by passing the dissertation examination. In addition, the doctoral student has the option of enrolling in complementary courses offered by other institutes of the faculty in their study programmes, especially the master's programme, if he or she has not already taken them in the previous level of higher education. The study of supplementary subjects and individual study of scientific and professional literature do not replace the attendance of compulsory lectures and seminars specified in the doctoral student's study plan or the performance of teaching activities at the university or the faculty. The doctoral student is responsible for the implementation of the study plan.

10. Conditions for fulfilling the characteristics of the degree programme in the field of science:

- Independent creative activity in the field of science (publications, completion of a defined stage in own research work, etc.);
- completion of a doctoral thesis.

11. A condition for the proper completion of the doctoral studies is the passing of the dissertation examination, which is one of the state examinations, and the defence of the dissertation. The dissertation is the final thesis. The defence of the doctoral thesis is the end of the doctoral studies.

12. Graduates of doctoral studies shall be awarded the academic degree of 'doctor' ('philosophiae doctor', abbreviated to '**PhD**'); it shall appear after the name).

13. Study in the part-time mode of doctoral studies for the academic year 2026/2027 is fee-paying. Tuition fee for all study programmes: € 860,- per academic year. Tuition fees for study programmes exclusively in English: € 3500,- per academic year.